

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date August 27, 2003

In re the Application of

Naoto KONDO

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/805,252

Examiner: G.J. Stock, Jr.

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Docket No.: 108930

For: ALIGNMENT APPARATUS, ALIGNMENT METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
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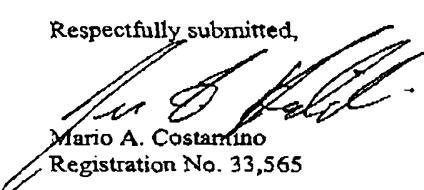
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired May 27, 2003, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 145605 in the amount of \$930 in payment for:

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